DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR NOVEMBER, 2018

DG Court with PDG Cheryl Greenway (who will be our new District Foundation Chair in July 2019), Americus Club President Jimmy Whaley and DGE Jim Squire at the gala celebrating 100 years of the Rotary Club of Americus.

From the District Governor

Team Mechanics is Your Foundation to Winning!

By Court Dowis

Without a foundation we cannot do or build anything in life. Think about how important it is to build a foundation for your education, your family, your ethics, your career. This month, we celebrated one of the clubs at the foundation of our district - as the **Rotary Club of Americus** celebrated its 100th anniversary. As I visited many of our clubs, I saw the enthusiasm and service that is at core of Rotary. And, I participated in two very special events where we celebrated and recommitted ourselves to the fight against Plus, a late September Polio Symposium sponsored by the E-Rotary Club of Emory-Clifton, and a World Polio Day event at the CDC.

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District Conference 2019

We'll Have Fun and You Should Come! Registration Now Open!

By Bill Woulfin

All year, DG Court has been strong in his opinion that if you "Have Fun They Will Come!" That's exactly what we're planning for the 2019 District Conference so plan to come to Sandestin, Florida from April 25-28 for the 2019 District 6900 Conference. Even Smokey and the Bandit will be there!

Why attend? *President Elect Kim Walden, RC of Thomasville: "District conference has been one of my favorite Rotary events because I always experience a life changing moment. It may come from one of the amazing speakers they always have or from having time to truly fellowship with so many Rotarians. Or it may happen during the service project, but there always is that awe inspiring moment where you feel our Service Above Self and are so glad to be part of it. And, that all happens at a beautiful venue with so much to explore which always makes for a great trip. I encourage you to attend - and promise you - you really will be so glad you did! See you there!!!"*

Registration is now open! [more]

End Polio Now

E-Rotary Club of Emory Clifton Hosts Polio Symposium in Atlanta

By Alan Janssen

Internationally known polio experts, vaccination field teams from Afghanistan, and Rotarians across District 6900 came together on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the Polio Symposium: Past, Present, and Future held at the Shriner's Auditorium in Atlanta. Sponsored by the E-**Rotary Club of Emory Clifton**, the keynote speaker was Dr. Hamid Jafari, Deputy Director of the Center for Global Heath at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who previously was the Director of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) at the World Health Organization in Geneva. [more]

Webinar

Exploring Life Above the Club Level

By Jim Squire

So you have served your Club in a leadership role and wonder what you can do next in Rotary? Are you interested in learning what is possible in serving beyond the Club Level? Where do you fit? How much time does it take? How do you get your name on the list for District Committees and beyond? Join us for a panel discussion about the next steps ... [more]

DGE Jim Squire and DGN Kirk Driskell with PDG Cheryl Greenway, who will serve as our 2019-22 District Rotary Foundation Chair.

The Rotary Foundation

Thankful for How TRF Helps Us Make a Difference

By Margie Kersey

This is the one month a year that we really focus on The Rotary Foundation – and it is appropriate since November is also host to Thanksgiving. And frankly, I give thanks for The Rotary Foundation because of the way it allows Rotarians to make such a big difference in the world. Sometimes it is easy to become jaded and focus on the negatives in this world. How awesome is it that we can look at those negatives and say "I can do something about that!" [more]

RI Convention

Join Us in Hamburg, Germany in 2019

By Jim Squire

District 6900 is excited to be heading for Hamburg, Germany for the Rotary International Convention June 1-5, 2019. The District has chosen the Reichshof Hamburg Curio Collection by Hilton as its recommended hotel. You can register for the convention AND book your hotel by visiting http://www.riconvention.org/en/hamburg If you register by December 15, you will benefit from discounted registration fees! [more]

RLI News

Make a New Year's Resolution to Join Us For RLI

By Elwyn Gaissert

Thomasville Rotary Club will host Rotary Leadership Institute on January 19, 2019, at the Southern Regional Technical College. Parts 1, 2, 3 and Grad Course Transforming Your Rotary Club will be held. Registration and course information may be found at ... [more]

Rotary Means Business

Join in Rotary's Newest Fellowship

By Famous Lou Alvarado

Rotary Means Business is the newest Rotary Fellowship .It offers a business to business networking opportunity to share your business with fellow Rotarians.Empowering your business by the Power of the Pin. Atlanta Node Networking meetings are held monthly on the last Tuesday at 6:30 pm at Oglethorpe University Weltner Library, second floor. Plenty of parking behind the library. [more]

Feb. 3, 2019

India National Immunization Day

By Margie Kersey

Here's your opportunity to participate in the Feb. 3, 2019 India Polio National Immunization Day (NID). [more]

GRSP Update

Scholarships, Holidays and More

By Lynn Clarke

Read about this year - including recent student weekends and planning for the holidays, take a look at scholarship opportunities for Georgia students and our current GRSP class, and important information about the requirements when current GRSP students want to travel out of country during their scholarship year. And get an update on the future of GRSP and our strategic planning process. [more]

PDG Al and Carol Lipphardt at Stone Mountain Elementary School

Club News

Stone Mountain Distributes Dictionaries

By Lizbeth Dison

Since 2007, The Dictionary Project has been a major annual volunteer activity for the members of the **Rotary Club of Stone Mountain**. Each year, the club has provided free dictionaries to third grade students in local public schools. This year the club distributed over 2,000 dictionaries to 11 schools in Dekalb County and ... [more]

From a GRSP Alumni ...

Life After GRSP - Making a Difference in Uganda

By Lynn Clarke

I thought I'd write to give you an update on how my trip to Uganda went this summer as I know how you like hearing from old GRSP students.

I went to Uganda with the charity Little Big Africa. We arrived in Entebbe on the 10th June and we spent the first week training for what was ahead near a town called Mikono. During training we learned some Luganda- the local dialect, how to build the stoves, key information about the communities and teaching skills. Training was a lot of fun and me and my group (Student Volunteers Abroad) got to meet the other two groups that were there- one from Strathclyde University (also in Glasgow) and one from Bristol University (in England). We then all set off for our separate villages. [more]

Council on Legislation

Take an Opportunity to Comment on Possible Worldwide Rotary Rule Changes

By Margie Kersey

Every three years one representative from every district in the world comes together in Chicago for one week at the end of April to review, debate and vote on proposed changes to the Manual of Procedure, Club & District Constitutions, RI Constitution and other Rotary governing documents. This is where the rules are made, changed and deleted. This year I am your Council representative. We will be looking at 116 proposed changes. Now is the time take a look at the Proposals and let me know your opinion. [more]

Above: Roswell and North Fulton Rotarians present grant to Roswell High School; below Rotarian Zach Fields

Club News

Roswell Helping to Build a Future in Construction

By Karen Schwank

Just as schools are in full swing for 2018-19, so is **Roswell Rotary** in helping those schools. Club members are invaluable in contributing to programs that benefit the area school children and community. Rotarian June Brown leads the club's effort to collect ... [more]

Club News

LaGrange Supporting Polio Eradication

By Barb Henigin

For this year's World Polio Awareness Day members of the Rotary Club of LaGrange took part in a variety of activities. During their regular Wednesday meeting members had their pinkies dyed purple in solidarity with the children who are being vaccinated for polio, held a separate collection to raise additional funds for RI's PolioPlus campaign ... [more]

Club News

Peachtree City Directory Has a Legacy of Service

By Michael Nelson

October 13 was a lucky day for the **Rotary Club of Peachtree City** and the local community, when the club published the 45th edition of its Rotary Smart Directory. The directory was first published as a community service project for Peachtree City. Over time, ads were sold to cover the cost of production and printing. By the 1990's the directory had become the primary fundraising project for the club and has produced over a million dollars that has funded countless projects, both locally and globally. [more]

DGE Jim Squire with Rotaractor Jeremy Moore. Both will attend the 2019 Rotary International Assembly

Rotaract

District Rotaractor Selected to Attend RI International Assembly

By Adam Wilkins

Jeremy Moore of Carrollton, Georgia, has been selected as one of 60 Rotaractors to attend Rotary's 2019 International Assembly in San Diego this coming January. This is the first time in Rotary history that Rotaractors have been invited to join in the International Assembly. Over 1,600 applications were received - and those Rotaract leaders selected will have the opportunity to learn, grow, and share their Rotary experience alongside Governors-Elect. [more]

Literacy

"CLOMP CLOMP, WIGGLE WIGGLE, SHAKE SHAKE" ... The Sounds of Marietta Reads!

By Dale Covington

The **Rotary Club of Marietta** has been reading up a storm in the local schools - as part of the 16th annual ***Marietta Reads!*** This Marietta City Schools citywide effort to foster reading and literacy in the community carries the slogan, "We all succeed when Marietta Reads!" The event kicked off at ... [more]

Club News

Johns Creek Helps Refurbish Woman's Shelter

By Gillian Leggett

Through a $10,000 District Rotary Foundation grant, the **Rotary Club of Johns Creek North Fulton** helped Wellspring Living, a nonprofit serving survivors of human sex trafficking, to refurnish a women's shelter. Wellspring services women between the ages of 18 and 31, providing therapy, education and career training. [more]

Family of Rotary Event

Are You Ready for the Kentucky Derby? Mark Your Calendars ...

By Claudia Mertl

The **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County** is having a fundraiser May 4, 2019 - a **Kentucky Derby Gala** at the Altanta Motor Speedway - and District Governor Court has endorsed the Gala as a District Family of Rotary Event! [more]

Upcoming Key Dates

Thursday, November 8th, 2018	**Roswell Governor Visit**
Friday, November 9th, 2018	**District Finance/Planning and Advisory Committee Meeting**
Saturday, November 10th, 2018	**District Nominating Commitee Meeting**
Tuesday, November 13th, 2018	**Webinar: Rotary Life Above The Club Level**
Thursday, November 15th, 2018	**2018 Zone Institute**
Tuesday, November 20th, 2018	**Cuthbert Board Meeting**
Tuesday, November 20th, 2018	**Cuthbert Governor Visit**
Tuesday, November 27th, 2018	**Smyrna Governor Visit**
Wednesday, November 28th, 2018	**Vinings Cumberland Governor Visit**
Thursday, November 29th, 2018	**North Cobb Governor Court Dowis Visit and Board meeting**
Thursday, November 29th, 2018	**South Cobb Governor Visit**
Tuesday, December 4th, 2018	**Jackson-Butts County Governor Visit**
Thursday, December 6th, 2018	**Tucker Christmas Party**

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